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<b>In Re Application of:</b>	Burmeister et al.
<b>Application No.:</b>	09/427,291
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<b>For:</b>	IMPROVED TISSUE SUPPORTING DEVICES
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed September 17, 2002. and is filed concurrently herewith a Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) in order to be considered.

**REMARKS**

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed September 17, 2002, wherein claims 22-32 and 34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph and claims 22-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. 5,827,321 to Roubin et al (Roubin).

Applicants note that the section headings of the comments presented below, correspond to those of the Office Action of September 17, 2002.